

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-12 and 14-21 are now present in this application.

Claims 12 and 16 have been amended, and claim 13 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over CHIN, U.S. Publication No. 2002/0089823, in view of WENG, U.S. Design Patent D445,761S. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-6, 8-11 and 17-21, and has indicated that claims 13-16 contain allowable subject matter. Without conceding the appropriateness of the rejection, but simply to expedite prosecution of the application, it is noted that the limitations of objected-to but allowable claim 13 have been incorporated into independent claim 12. Accordingly, the 35 USC 103 rejection should now be reconsidered and withdrawn, and all claims should now be in condition for allowance.

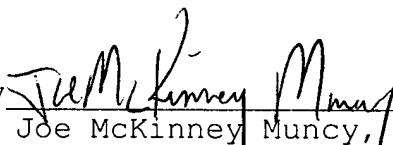
Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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